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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The use of term “governmental entity” in light of the technicality of the claims is vague and needs to be amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Howard et al U.S. (6,548,505).

4. As per claims 1, 7- 9, 18 & 19-25 a method of receiving news information at a user computer connected to a system of networked computers, the method comprising: receiving a

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first user request for an action from a user of the user computer; transmitting the first user request for the action to a sever over the system of networked computers (col.3, lines 12-32); receiving news information in response to the first user request for the action instead of receiving information that is responsive to the first request for the action; and displaying the news information on the user computer (col.4, lines 56-61 & col.6, lines 38-57).

5. As per claims 2, 3 & 6 the method of Claim 1, further comprising sending information that is responsive to the first request for the action to the user computer over the system of networked computers (col.6, lines 38-57).

6. As per claim 4 the method of Claim 2, wherein sending information that is responsive to the first request for the action occurs after receiving a second request for an action (col.9, lines 9-12).

7. As per claim 5 the method of claim 4, wherein the second request for the action comprises a request for additional news information generated in response to a user of the user computer clicking on a specified area in the news information displayed on the user computer (col.6, lines 38-57 & col.9, lines 9-12).

8. As per claims 10-13 the method of Claim 1, wherein the interrupting the first request for the action by sending news information to be displayed on the user computer occurs when a

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predetermined Level of news information is transmitted to the user computer (col.6, lines 38-57 & col.7, lines 54-66).

9. As per claim 14 the method of Claim 12, wherein the news information is categorized into levels by a news reporting group (col.7, lines 54-66).

10. As per claim 17 the method of Claim 1, wherein the news information is formatted based on a viewing pattern of a user (col.7, lines 54-66).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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